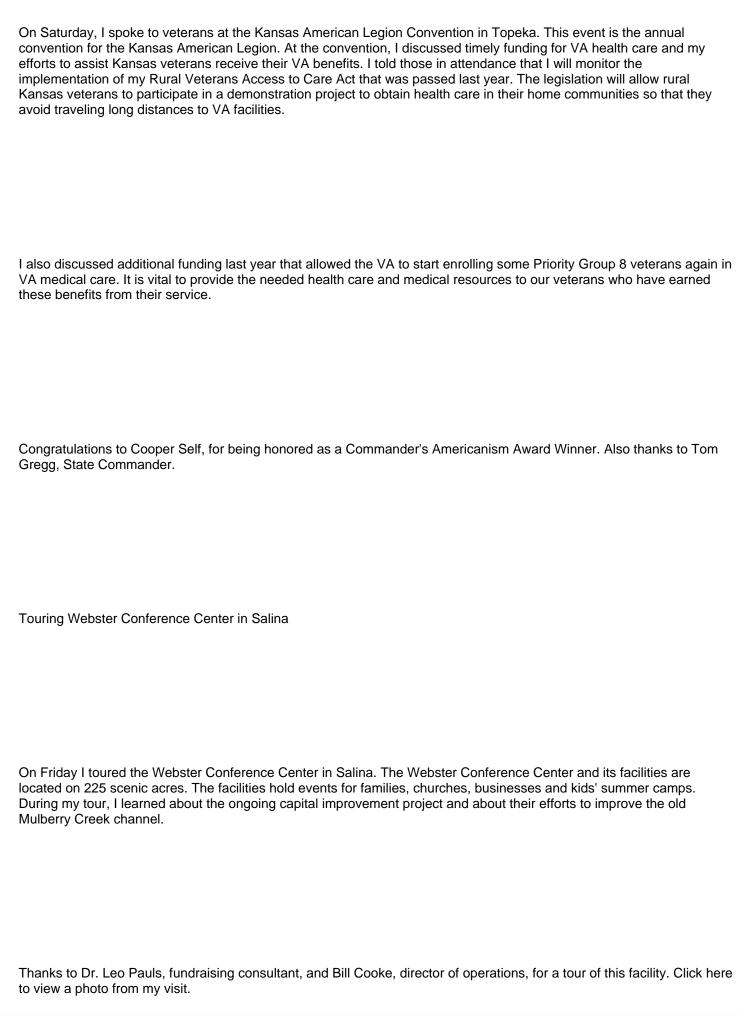
## 5/18/2009 This Week in Congress This Week in Congress May 18, 2009 Dear Friend, Welcome to "This Week in Congress." I hope you find this newsletter useful. C-Span's Washington Journal I appeared on C-Span's Washington Journal morning show this week. Washington Journal is a nationally televised show that invites guests to take calls from viewers from all over the United States. I was able to talk about my opposition to the possible transferring of detainees from Guantanamo Bay to Fort Leavenworth.

Terrorist prisoners from Guantanamo Bay do not belong in Kansas. Fort Leavenworth houses the Command and General Staff College and is known as the as the "Intellectual Center of the Army." Transferring terrorists to the fort would disrupt Fort Leavenworth's primary mission of military education and threaten the safety of the families who live on the post and in the surrounding communities. I am glad that the House this week rejected the Department of Defense \$80 million as requested to close and relocate Guantanamo, especially since the Obama Administration has yet to propose any plan. Click here to view my C-Span interview.

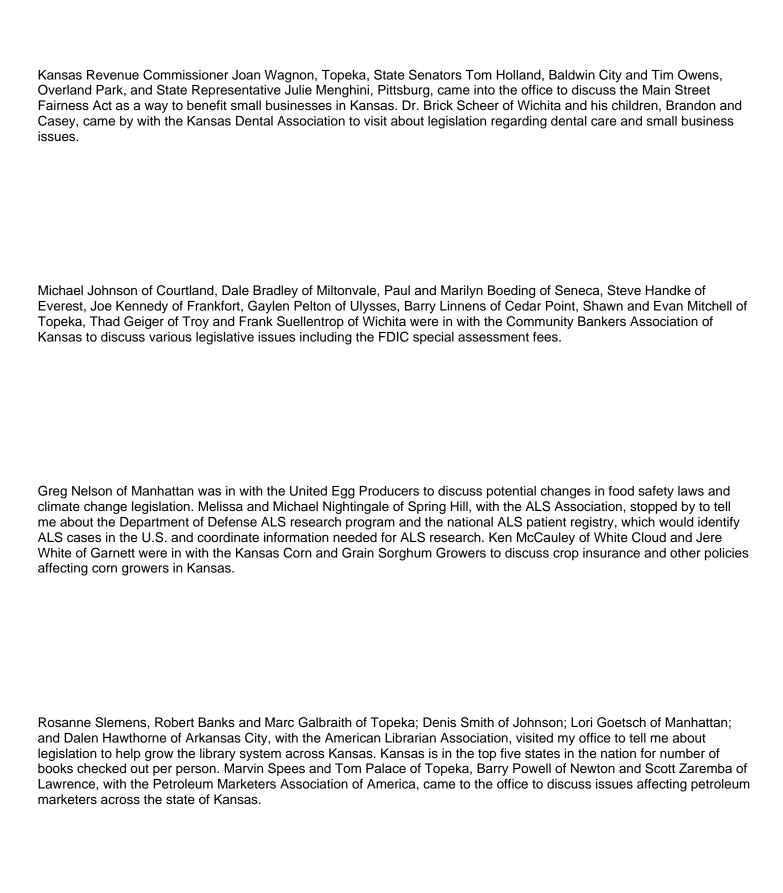
The House passed legislation providing funding for our nation's military this week. The funding is a supplemental appropriation, in addition to routine military funding, which funds military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It contains many provisions that support our troops and their families, will replace damaged military equipment and funds construction for military medical care facilities. The legislation will also provide an additional \$500 a month to service members who have had their enlistments involuntarily extended under stop loss orders. I was glad to see this legislation pass the House and hope that it passes the Senate in a timely fashion. We need to support military members and their families now more than ever.



Attending Events in Kansas City
159th Street and US Highway 69 Overpass: On Tuesday, I met with developers and local government officials to visit the future overpass site at 159th Street and U.S. Highway 69 in Overland Park. During my visit, we discussed potential federal support for this project. I have talked with US-69 highway officials and the Highway 69 Association about finishing the four-lane construction of US-69. The need to finish the widening of US-69 in Kansas to four lanes to complete the approximately 60 miles from Fort Scott to the Oklahoma state line is a high priority for the state. I was glad to have the opportunity to visit the site. Thanks to Fred Spears, President of the Overland Park City Council for inviting me.
PQ Corporation: Also on Tuesday, I toured the PQ Corporation in Kansas City. The corporation is a leading producer of silicate, zeolite and other performance materials serving the detergent, pulp and paper, chemical, petroleum, catalyst, water treatment, construction and beverage markets. Originally, it was a family owned soap and candle business, which opened in 1831. During the tour, I learned that the corporation now has locations all over the world and operates in 19 countries on five continents. Thanks to Tony Larson, plant manager, for giving me the tour.
Livestock Marketing Association: My third stop on Tuesday was to make a visit to the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) in Kansas City. LMA provides support to local livestock auction markets and the livestock marketing industry. Thanks to Nancy Robinson, vice president of Government and Industry Affairs, for arranging my visit.
Speaking at Kansas American Legion Convention in Topeka



Members of the Kansas Association of Realtors visited my office to discuss energy efficient building policy, health care reform legislation and the homebuyer tax credit. In with the group were Lee McClelland, Walt Clements, Kathy Woodward and Fran Cashion of Overland Park; Connie Goodnow, Karen Gehle, Jeanine Wells and Doug Bassett of Topeka; Delores Dalke of Hillsboro; Lauren Hill and Pat Tholen of Leawood; Mike McGrew and Luke Bell of Lawrence; Steve Doty and Jamie Holt of Wichita; Cherise Sedlock and Rob Carter of Kansas City; Carol Mangan of Coffeyville; Ann Christian of Manhattan; and Sue Wenger of Mulvane.



Rod Brenneman of Shawnee Mission was in with Seaboard Foods to tell me about the adverse effect H1N1 Flu has had on the U.S. pork market despite the flu having no effect on the safety of pork products. Members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers stopped in to talk about labor laws and health care reform. In with the group were Martin Eddy, Shaun Junkins, Judy Pierce, Stan Chapman, Ken Lewellen, Ralph Stout, Rita Royers, Teresa

Vasquez and Craig Schiefelbein of Wichita; Jesus Mendez of Kansas City; Terry Haskins of Clearwater; and Tim Franta of Towanda.
Dave Vander Griend of Colwich was in with ICM to discuss the detrimental impacts that might result from EPA's recent decision to use emissions from indirect land use changes to calculate lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions for renewable fuels, as well as other policy issues affecting the renewable fuel industry. Denny Senseney of Wichita, with the International Music Products Association, came in to talk about the importance of music and arts in childhood education.
Very truly yours,
Jerry